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1. Milovan Djilas is said to be working on a new Yugoslav encyclopedia at the present time, and also translating from the Russian several books which have been approved for general distribution by the Yugoslav Communist Party. He is seen frequently at general public gatherings, such as basketball and football games, and appears to be no different in attitude or composure. Although he is cut off from his former Party and public posts, he continues to receive a pension of 25,000 dinars monthly as a former official, while his wife earns about 5,000 dinars monthly from her employment in a bank.
2. Vladimir Dedijer is also working on the Yugoslav encyclopedia. He has begun appearing at social functions (such as Marshal Tito's reception for Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie and the latter's return reception), accompanied by his attractive and young wife. Although Dedijer and his wife were left pretty much alone at both receptions except by some non-Yugoslavs who happened to know them, and although Djilas and his supporters are not yet back in the good graces of the Communist inner circle, the presence of Dedijer at these two official functions is regarded as an indication of a progressive comeback.
3. Stevan Dedijer claims that he was not dismissed as Director of the Boris Kidric Institute for Nuclear Research, but that he had sent in his resignation last November because he wanted to devote himself to "study and research". He has had cards printed in English which state that he is now going to head the physics laboratory at the Institute and study and teach at the University of Belgrade. He continues to live in the same house at the Institute. He had hoped to go to London for a period to study; chances of this temporary assignment, however, are regarded as slim by party officials. A rumor is being circulated on the cell level that he was never a "real scientist" anyhow.

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4. As a general observation of the aftermath of Djilas' outburst, Yugoslav Communism appears to be as monolithic as it was before. The extensive amount of western sanguine speculation as to the anti-Communist results of the Djilas affair played right into Yugoslav Communist propaganda: namely, to create the impression that Yugoslav Communism is a liberal framework within which disagreements could arise without purges and bloodletting, and that, therefore, Yugoslav Communism is the kind that can coexist with capitalism. Although certain "reactionary" circles claim that Aleksandar Rankovic is secretly on Djilas' side, Djilas had a very limited following, which was only too ready to desert him in his difficult hour. The entire affair served to bring any and all wavering rank and file back into line to accept the word from above, to follow orders, and to leave the "heavy thinking" to Marshal Tito, Edvard Kardelj and occasionally Mosa Pijade.

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